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Software for Online Ordering of Custom  
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Reference No. 6 on the attached Form 1449 is being called to the attention of the Examiner. PCT publication number WO 02/44994 A2 contains more than 700 pages. In an effort to make the review of this reference more manageable for the Examiner, a CD with an electronic copy of this reference is enclosed herewith.

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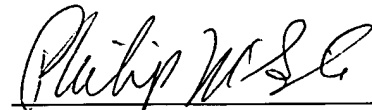
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